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Speaking of Black Taffetas—we have some extraordinarily good values this week, such as \$1.00 values for 89c a yard, and \$1.25 values for \$1.09 a yard.

NEW THEATRE ON "OLD BIJOU" SITE

Splendid New Play-House to Be Erected at Eighth and Broad.

ELECTRIC ARCADE PROPOSED

Wells Company Leases Building Near Third and Broad for Amusement Purposes.

There is every indication that Richmond will shortly have a splendid new theatre, one that will be in keeping with the city and which will be built on the most modern and extensive plans.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Wells and his associates were not pleased with the Academy of Music, and had been looking out for a location where a new theatre for high-priced attractions could be built, with stage room for all the big scenery and accommodations for probably 2,000 people.

Rumor has it that the present owners of the Academy offered Mr. Wells and his company the property at a low price, but that the lessees stated that they preferred to build, so that they could give the people of Richmond "the best."

It is now stated on excellent authority that the new playhouse will be built on the corner of Eighth and Broad Streets, where the "old Bijou" now stands. All the buildings for a half a block will be torn down and an entirely new house will be erected, running east and west, with an entrance on Broad Street. In this way the entire length of the theatre will be more than 150 feet. The Broad Street front will be utilized by the erection of stores, which will hide the theatre. This plan has been used successfully many times in New York and Washington, where the Columbia Theatre is built in this way.

When the new theatre will be begun has not yet been determined, for the lease of the Academy has two more years to run. The plans for the new theatre have been drawn and everything is in readiness for the work to begin.

Electric Arcade.

The Wells Amusement Company has secured for a term of five years the store next to the southeast corner of Third and Broad Streets, that has been occupied by Louis Natch, and the building on Third Street, between Grace and Broad Streets, that has been occupied by Rennie, for the purpose of establishing an electric arcade, similar to those in the Northern cities.

There will be an entrance on Broad Street and on Third Street, the arcade being shaped like an L. It is the purpose of the management to have there bowling alleys, billiard and pool tables, stereoscopic views, musical slot machines, and in fact every sort of mechanical amusement device. Mr. Clark, who will build the amusement park at the Reservoir, will also build the electric arcade, which will be completed within the next three months. Work will begin this morning and will be rushed until the amusement hall is completed.

BEAUTIFUL BROCHURES.

Trip on "Southern Palm Limited" Pictures As Ideal.

The Southern Railway Company has just issued two beautifully printed books on winter travel, which tell especially of the ease and pleasure of the traveler who visits Florida, Cuba and Nassau by means of the splendid train known as the "Southern Palm Limited."

The pamphlets are artistic and the letter press, attractively written by Mr. William E. Curtis, a well known newspaper man, is appropriately illustrated with photographs taken expressly for the work.

Mr. Curtis tells the story of how passengers are carried from New York to St. Augustine between noon of the one day and afternoon of the next, while he pictures the various pleasure resorts that are passed on the way, such as Alton, Asheville, "The Land of the Sky," "The Sapphire Country" and "Smoky Mountains."

To read the books, so charmingly conceived and so admirably executed, is almost like taking a little trip into the happy, balmy South.

FIRMS CHANGE PLACES.

Stem & Co. Soon to Get Into Their Own Big House.

One of the big real estate deals that was practically closed in the late autumn naturally resulted in some change in business location. The valuable property at the foot of Virginia Street, now occupied by the Eagle Paper Company, was purchased some time ago by Stem

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Ice on the Free Bridge Delays the Street Cars.

DEATH OF EX-CIRCUS CLOWN

Mr. Clayton, of Chesterfield, Passes Away—Personals and Briefs.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, (No. 102 Hull Street.)

Ice and sleet on the Free Bridge yesterday morning caused considerable worry and trouble to the street car motormen and to drivers of heavily loaded wagons. The condition was almost unsurmountable for the time being. One street car of the Perry Street line struck a wagon near the Manchester end of the bridge, demolishing the vehicle and throwing the driver several feet. Fortunately he was not injured. The front of the car was smashed in.

Several carts loaded with bricks stalled on the bridge. The horses could not get a hold to draw the loads and in many instances the bricks had to be dumped on the bridge and the empty carts hauled across. Even in drawing an empty vehicle the animals had great trouble in standing up.

Once With Barnum.

Mr. John B. Clayton, about seventy years of age, who resided near Providence Church, in Chesterfield county, died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. He had been an invalid for years, but none of the relatives or friends expected that death would come so soon. He was taken slightly worse on last Friday, and yesterday morning passed away.

The deceased in his early life traveled with the B. T. Barnum circus for a number of years, playing the part of clown. He was witty and good at his work in the many gatherings around his home in the country have been enlivened by his presence.

He was the father of Mrs. Scott Ratcliffe, who was killed by a Hull Street car some time ago. He leaves several sons.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, and interment will be in the family burying-ground.

Well Connected Here.

Dr. John W. Brodnax, of Manchester, is in Newport News in the interest of their brother, Mr. M. B. Brodnax, who is there, charged with the murder of a man named Frank Smith. The accused is well-known here and in Richmond, where he worked for many years. He has many relatives in Manchester. The family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the city.

From what can be learned here of the trouble between Brodnax and the man named Smith, the two were drinking at the time, and Brodnax kicked Smith down a flight of stairs. The wounds received in the fall proved fatal, and Brodnax was arrested for murder.

Secretary to General Manager.

Mr. George L. Tillery, son of Alderman L. R. Tillery, of Manchester, and a popular young man of the city, has been appointed private secretary to General Manager H. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, with headquarters in Wilmington.

Young Mr. Tillery is only seventeen years of age, and received the greater amount of his education in the Manchester public schools under Principal Fitzgerald. He is a very bright young man, with the knack of making friends rapidly and holding them close to him. His many friends here are very glad to know of his promotion.

Install Officers To-night.

Liberty Council, No. 13, J. O. U. A. M., will meet to-night and install the newly elected officers. The meeting will be attended by over a hundred members of the order. Mr. W. J. Henry will be the new counselor and Mr. R. C. Hughes will be vice-counselor. The junior past counselor is Mr. F. L. Kahl.

Liberty Council, Juniors, is the banner council of the State, having held this honor for several years.

Died in Buckingham.

Mrs. V. M. Davidson, of Manchester, died at the residence of her son, Mr. E. B. Davidson, in Buckingham county, Sunday afternoon. She is survived by three children—Mr. E. B. Davidson, of Buckingham; Mr. C. A. Davidson, of Manchester; and Mrs. P. H. Norvell, of Swansboro.

Mrs. Clara Taylor, wife of Mr. C. R. Taylor, died Saturday night at her home, near Beach, in Chesterfield county. The funeral was held from Wood Church, near Petersburg, yesterday afternoon.

Arrests for the Year.

Chief of Police Lipscomb has made his annual report for the year, and it is an interesting document. During the year 1,492 arrests were made, as follows:

In January, 69; February, 86; March, 68; April, 57; May, 89; June, 137; July, 103; August, 98; September, 349; October, 163; November, 114; and December, 106.

Out of this number Officer M. J. Moore made 499 arrests to his credit. Officer W. J. Wayne follows, with 395, and the others come in the following order: Chief Lipscomb, 132; Officer R. P. Smith, 135; Officer R. C. Jones, 109; and Sergeant Wright, 106. The remaining arrests were made by special officers.

Out of the total number of arrests there were fifty felony cases, in the following order: 132; 135; 109; 106; 132; 135; 109; 106; 132; 135; 109; 106.

Persons and Briefs

A marriage license has been issued by Clerk DuVal, of the Corporation Court, to Mrs. Viola Nance and Mr. George P. Gay. Mr. Gay is a plumber of Richmond.

Miss Edna Toney, daughter of Hon. D. L. Toney, entertained a few of her friends Sunday night. The new year was watched in and the old year out.

Several well known gentlemen of the city will leave to-day for the headquarters of the Licking Creek Hunting and Fishing Club in Chesterfield county to spend the day, as they see fit.

Mr. Joseph Wilmer, of Albemarle county, was in the city yesterday, the guest of his friend, Mr. W. J. Carter. It was at "Palm Dealing," Mr. Wilmer's home, that President Roosevelt stopped last week.

Special Officers Watts and Flynn rounded up a gang of cigar smokers Sunday afternoon, and they will explain to "Smile Cheatham" next Friday.

The funeral of Captain John H. Parker took place from McName Memorial Church



NINETY AND NINE TEMPERANCE PLAY

Show at Bijou This Week One of Best of Kind Ever Seen Here.

SEAT SALE FOR MANSFIELD

Crowd Expected at Academy To-day When Box-Office Opens.

The Bijou has a "play on" this week, "The Ninety and Nine," that will please all sorts and conditions of people. There is in it the religious note that will appeal to those who do not, as a rule, attend the theatre, for an earnest cry against drink is sounded throughout the four acts, and Miss Bayonne Whipple, as "Ruth Blake," is as pretty and attractive a temperance worker as one could find in a long day's journey.

It is a play with a moral, full of lofty sentiments, yet not lacking in those startling and melodramatic situations, which at once delights and thrills the gallery.

The railway scene in the last of the three acts, when a "real" engine dashes through the prairie fire, the hero sitting in the cab, caused the wildest excitement, and was in itself well worth the price of admission.

The whole piece was splendidly staged and well-acted. In fact, it is the best show of its kind that has held the Bijou for many a day.

Mr. Frederick Montague, the star, played "The Silencer" in a manner that left little to be desired, and created havoc with the hearts of the matinee girls, who have a penchant for "lost sheep."

Myra Brook was probably the best on the stage, although she had but a small part.

If the crowds that filled the Bijou on yesterday keep up, this will be a record week for the house, as packed at both performances, and Mr. McKee, the manager, was forced to close the box-office fifteen minutes before the curtain went up, and to announce that no one else would be allowed to enter the theatre.

"The Ninety and Nine" company will play matinee to-day, Thursday and Saturday, and every night during the week.

Creston Clarke and an acceptable company presented "Monsieur Beaucaire" at the Academy yesterday before large audiences at both matinee and evening performances. Mr. Clarke's "Beaucaire" is favorably remembered from last season, and it still proves as attractive as then. His supporting company includes Nell McHenry, who was in "Lady Mary Carlisle," and shared largely in the success of the play.

Mansfield Seats.

The opening of the sale of seats at the Academy of Music this morning for the engagement on next Saturday, matinee and night, of Mr. Richard Mansfield will be the occasion of lively scenes in the theatre lobby. Theatre parties, clubs, classes and pupils, all from adjacent cities, are inquiring by mail, telegraph and long distance telephone about seats for Mansfield night. For the information of the general public, the management desires to say that there is a tight and easy way to secure Mansfield seats. Those who live in the city will be expected to come to the box office on the opening day of the sale. Residents of other cities should write at once, state the number and price of seats desired, and enclose remittance and addressed stamped envelope. These orders will be numbered as received, and they will be filled after the sale opens, not before. Those in line during the first hour of the Mansfield seats will have first choice. To defeat speculators, to understand buyer will be allowed more than six seats. No unpaid reservations of seats will be held after 12 o'clock, noon, Friday, January 5th. At that hour all seats that have been held will be placed in the ticket racks.

Mr. Mansfield will present during his engagement two of his best plays, "Ben Hur" and "The Sign of the Cross." The first, at 2:15 o'clock, and "Don Carlos" at 8:15 o'clock the same evening. "Don Carlos" is spoken of as the most worthy dramatic effort of the actor since his memorable performance some seasons ago of "Richard III." It has met with generous comment from the critics and has pleased Mr. Mansfield's most blasphemous friends.

Howard Kyle as "Mozart."

Howard Kyle, whose fine artistic endowments were so justly appreciated as "Nathan Hale," in which he starred for several seasons, and whose John Ermine in "On the Yellowstone" and other notable achievements have firmly established him in the favor of theatre patrons, is now appearing with unstinted success in the title role of "Mozart," a play he has dramatized upon the life and romance of the great composer. Mr. Kyle will present this play at the Academy on Friday night, with an adequate production and a cast of general excellence.

Hand Amputated.

Mr. Angier Duke, son of Mr. B. N. Duke, a millionaire tobacco merchant of Durham, N. C., was accidentally shot at Carteret Lodge last Friday morning. As previously reported, he was taken on a special train to Durham, where he was treated by Dr. Wiley, the famous New York surgeon, who was then in South Carolina from which place he was summoned. Since the first report of the accident it has been found necessary to amputate young Duke's hand. He is now getting along as well as could be expected.

The Duke has many friends in this city. Mr. Duke, father of the young man, left New York hurriedly, as soon as he was informed of the accident, and passed through Richmond on his way to Durham Saturday.

Schools to Open.

Holidays at an end and children prepare for hard work.

The Christmas season of leisure, joy and festivity is over, and at 9 o'clock today the thousands of children in the city will note the end of their holiday, and will start in for hard, earnest work for the remainder of the session. Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the school doors will be thrown open, and a few minutes later the busy hum and drone of children pouring over their day's lessons will be heard through all the schools.

Richmond College will also open to-day, as will most of the colleges of the State.

The Woman's College will start its work for the ensuing term to-morrow.

The two medical colleges of the city will likewise renew the work of the session to-day. With the holidays over, and as soon as the children and students are



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enabled to settle down after the excitement of the last two weeks, it is expected that they will pursue their work with renewed endeavor.

METHODIST PASTORS.

Several Watch Night Services Were Held.

The Methodist ministers meeting convened at 11 o'clock yesterday, with the president, Rev. J. T. Rountree, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. V. Taylor. Several ministers reported watch-night services, and the Rev. J. T. Rountree, of the church in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League in the evening. Mr. W. A. Langhorn preached at Trinity for the Rev. J. S. Shively Peters, who is out of town.

On motion, resolutions of sympathy for the Rev. L. W. Guyer, of Portsmouth, on the death of his wife, were passed, and the secretary was requested to communicate the same to Mr. Guyer.

Insurance Agents Feast.

Mr. William A. Danner, general agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, gave a very enjoyable dinner on New Year's Day at Rueger's. The ten leading representatives of the agency who were present were William A. Danner, H. H. Kasprowitz, G. W. Hodgson, T. W. Jeter, W. E. Duncan and W. H. Sadler, of Richmond; and A. Byers, B. L. Page, J. Richardson and J. C. Malloy, of North Carolina. The dinner was preceded by a luncheon at The Richmond, and a maline attendance at the Bijou.

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